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Committees Choose Play, Poster for Midd Carnival

Class Gatherings Held to Nominate Carnival Royalty

"You Can't Take It With You," by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, will be presented as the Carnival play on Thursday, January 17 at 8:15 in the Playhouse. Providing the books arrive, the try-outs will begin Thursday evening, December 6. The cast consists of six women and nine men and extras.

Played on Broadway

When the play appeared on Broadway it was produced by Sam Harris. Penelope was played by Josephine Hull and Martin Vanderloff was played by Henry Travers. It was given in the Booth Theater in New York.

The plot revolves around Martin Vanderloff, an elderly gentleman who retires from business to his estate. There he allows his family to reveal and carry out all their suppressed desires. One of the members of the household makes dynamite in the basement while another paints continually. Another plays the xylophone throughout the day.

Carnival Posters

Final judging of the Carnival Poster contest was held on Saturday, December 1. Nine posters were entered in the contest. As has been the tradition in the past, the winning contest poster will not be announced until copies of it go on sale after Christmas vacation. Not only will the winner be honored by having his poster printed and sold on this campus, but the poster will also be exhibited in ski shops, and stores all over the east as an advertisement for the Middlebury Winter Carnival.

The posters were judged for their simplicity, choice of colors, technique and skill, advertising potentialities, and striking appearance. Arthur K. Healy was technical advisor. The judges were: Maxine J. Shurtz, Mary E. Wisotsky, Russell P. Dale '46, Robert C. Terrill '46, Bette J. Bertschinger '46, Ray Sacher '47, Charles A. Scott '47, Ann A. Argyle '47, Emily Cushing '47, Elizabeth A. Holmgren '47 and Bonny J. Morse '47.

Carnival Ball Nominations

Nominations for king and queen of Carnival Ball came in today. This year, instead of nominations from the sororities, each class nominated seven candidates. Only seventh term women were

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Middlebury, UVM Meet to Investigate College Problems

Mortar Board attended a joint meeting with the University of Vermont chapter last Sunday in Grassmount, a U. V. M. dormitory in Burlington, for the purpose of discussing together the problems of both campuses. The meeting was held from 2:30 to 5:30 o'clock, and tea was served during a short intermission.

One topic discussed was college drinking rules—how they should be formulated, what they should uphold, and how to enforce them. The sorority system was also discussed, both from the light of Middlebury's issue of sororities or no sororities and from U. V. M.'s issue of discriminatory policies.

The Honor System was another consideration, and members of the U. V. M. Mortar Board said they are trying to start a scholastic honor system for examinations. Middlebury and U. V. M. members exchanged ideas about their respective tapping ceremonies and discussed the merits and demerits of their systems.

Margaret B. Hood '46, president of Mortar Board, reports that the two chapters found their problems to be common ones, but U. V. M.'s situation is complicated by their location in the city of Burlington.

Representative From Magazine Talks to Group

Mrs. Katherine McGee Davis, representative of *Mademoiselle Magazine* spoke to a group of women last Thursday night in Forest West living room on the subject of the Mademoiselle forum to be held next April.

Before discussing the forum, Mrs. Davis inquired about various student activities on campus and the interest shown in them. She spoke of some similar activities on other campuses she had visited. In regard to the forum, she mentioned some of the topics being considered and asked the opinion of the students on them, and asked for any suggestions they had for topics or speakers.

Cornelia H. Smith '46, is the Middlebury member of the *Mademoiselle* college board.

Survey Reveals Middlebury Women In Numerous Vacation Occupations

Nancy C. Surtees '47

Middlebury women were engaged in a surprising number of occupations during the past summer, according to the survey just completed by the placement office.

A total of 34 different occupations were listed with nearly a fourth of the women in clerical and office work. A few worked as secretaries, others as switchboard operators and receptionists. The next field in popularity was waiting on tables in which 32 girls were employed. About 23 acted as camp counselors.

Variety of Fields

There were also several people in farm work and a number of others in sales work. Fifteen held jobs as laboratory technicians or assistants. Other fields, each of which attracted a few girls, were: nursery schools and playgrounds, housework, insurance, social work and settlement work, life guard, map-making, and banking.

One girl worked as a sailing instructor; another mounted insects for a museum. Two worked for newspapers.

There was a return of a little over 50 per cent on the questionnaires. Part of the cause of this low return may be the fact that many people did not work during the past summer.

Food Processing Job

Lois E. Brigham '47 and Cornelia H. Smith '47, worked in a community freeze locker in Burlington. Their jobs included processing foods for freezing and keeping the books of the establishment. As both girls are majoring in home economics, they found their jobs fitted in well with what they had learned in school and also that the experience gained in their work helped in their courses.

Katherine A. Rowley '46 solicited contributions for the Boston Evening clinic.

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World Famous String Quartet Evokes Praise

By Fred B. Storfer '48

A large seemingly enthusiastic and appreciative audience greeted the Budapest String Quartet Tuesday evening at 8:15 at the Middlebury High School, as they began a program consisting of Mendelssohn's E♭ Quartet Op 12, the Brahms' B♭ Op. 67, and the Mozart B♭ K. 458. This is admittedly a rather conservative program, but I would doubt the advisability of including any moderns, the chamber music idiom being a tough-enough nut to crack without encasing it within a steel shell.

Superb Performance

The quartet performed all three compositions superbly, and their ability to play as a single unit, for which they are justly famous, has not been marred in the least, in spite of the recent replacement of one of the members. Each instrument sang out broadly at the correct moments, and the clockwork precision and unparalleled accuracy has yet to be equalled in this day. At no time did any sections of the compositions get out of hand, due to expert mastery and control. When the instrumentalists' interpretive ability proved to be on a par with their technical mastery, the results were beyond praise. More completely satisfying readings of the three pieces presented are hardly imaginable.

Program for the Evening

The first composition on the program was the lyrical, free-flowing Quartet in E♭ Major, Op. 12, by Mendelssohn. The second and fourth movements, which were reminiscent of the Schrzo from "Midsummer Night's Dream," were performed with adroitness and skill, while we were spared the pain of enduring the third movement as (what could have been) overly-saccharine and sentimental.

The performers brought out the warmth, robustness, intimacy, poetic

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Opening of Lodge Attracts Students

Middlebury's latest venture, the Panther Room, had a strictly informal opening last Saturday afternoon at 4 p. m.

Hungry and curious students soon filled the large and small tables to capacity. The attraction of the new lodge is the great variety of food excellently prepared and sold at reasonable prices, and the "collegiate atmosphere."

Sandwiches, served with pickles and potato chips, coffee, and a variety of fountain specialties are included in the menu. A full course dinner is served on Sundays from 11:30 a. m. to 8 p. m. Serving is done by student waiters and waitresses.

The college sponsored Panther Room is located in the dining room of the Chi Psi Lodge. At present decorations are in keeping with the typical soda fountain style of milk shakes and hot chocolate signs. The Lodge committee plans, however, to add college banners and student posters as soon as possible.

PAN-HEL TO TAKE POLL ON RUSHING

Panhellenic council plans to take a poll among sorority women on the question of the revision of rushing rules sometime in the near future.

Questions and suggestions proposed for the poll by the different sororities are being handed into Jane H. Strayer '47, president of the council, and to Ann A. Argle '47, Mary E. Hamilton '47, and Muriel E. Mack '47, who compose a committee appointed to study this question.

New College Flying Club Approved by Student Life

Mt. Club Offers Square Dances

Mixed round and square dances will be featured at the Mountain club dance this Saturday night, December 8, from 8 to 11 o'clock in the college gymnasium.

The dance is to be an informal one and dirndls and dungarees are permissible. Music will be by records, but there will be authentic calling by Joe De Gray, cook at Hepburn and a widely known caller around Middlebury for square dances. Refreshments will be served. Decorations will be made by Mary C. Cameron '47.

In charge of the dance is Cynthia J. Proud '46, and other members of Skyline who have worked on it are: Joseph B. L'Episcopo '48, Jane C. Burritt '46, June E. Brookman, Miss Cameron, Mary Corcoran, Emily Cushing, Suzanne A. Gard, Phyllis M. Hackley, Dorothy A. Lindemann, Adrienne C. Northam, and Druzilla B. Williams, all of '47.

Current Problems Stressed in Book By Prof. DeLanux

European Manifesto, Prof. Pierre DeLanux's new book, was received recently by Women's Forum from the International Relations club. It will be placed on the Forum shelf in the library among other books on current affairs given by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Professor DeLanux's manifesto for the liberated peoples of Europe stresses the need for their voice to be heard in order that an enduring peace may be brought about. Spiritual and practical reasons are given for the formation of a European nucleus which may eventually resolve itself in a European federation.

After leaving the Contemporary Civilization department here at Middlebury last year, Professor DeLanux was a member of the French delegation at the San Francisco Conference. In the end papers of his book, which was published by the Creative Age Press, Inc., in New York City, Archibald MacLeish is quoted as saying of Professor DeLanux, "He is one of the most distinguished men of let-

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Policy Committee Appoints Fisher, Gordon to Office

Marian E. Fisher '46 has been appointed secretary and Edith M. Gordon '47 assistant secretary of the student committee for the 1946 Culture Conference, filling the place of Mary H. Albertson '46 who had to resign because of her work in Student Action Assembly.

The appointments were made at the Policy committee meeting last Tuesday afternoon.

Jane M. Laux '46, student chairman of the Conference, announced that the Publicity committee will be headed by Robert C. Terrill '46 and Helen K. Floyd '46 who will act as co-chairmen. They will be assisted by Morton M. Bass '48, Katherine M. Craven '46, Pamela A. Lowe '46, Nancy Fitz '47, Helen L. Hicks '48 and Helen A. Thwaites '48.

This year all Conference publicity, here and off the campus, will be handled by the student committee without assistance from the College Editor's office.

Letters of invitation to the Conference are now being sent out to men and women in various fields.

J. Rock Directs Program, Offers Free Trial Ride

MIDD CLUB FIRST ORGANIZED IN '35

Revival of a student flying club at Middlebury was given formal approval Monday afternoon at a meeting of the Student Life committee.

The group will receive instruction from Joseph Rock, who during the war was in charge of Naval Flight Training at Middlebury. First lessons were given last Tuesday, at the Bristol Municipal airport. Mr. Rock has two Fairchild PT 19's and two Aeroncas on the field.

Free Ride Offered

It is believed that students will be able to solo in about two months providing the weather is good. Students who are not taking lessons but who would like to go up may get an introductory ride free of charge. The cost of the lessons is 50 dollars for seven hours, in which time a student should be able to solo, according to Mr. Rock. However, those who wish to apply for lessons must have written permission from their parents.

Student aviation first became a part of the college's extracurricula program in October 1935 when a group of 17 students hired the services of a licensed aviator and plane for several days each week. Plans were made to utilize the Middlebury flying field which was in disuse. Prof. Stephen A. Freeman and Prof. Waldo H. Heinrichs, "a former world war aviator," acted as advisors for the new organization.

Civil Aeronautics Control

In Septmber 1939 a war-conscious college offered a regular aviation course, sponsored by the Civil Aeronautics Authority which included ground-school training by members of the college faculty and actual flight work under the direction of the same Joseph Rock of Bristol who is sponsoring the present flying program. Physical examinations were required for the 50 men who reported for applications due to the fact that the cost of the new course ($335 per man) was borne chiefly by the government. Students who completed the course requirements were awarded a private license with a nominal cost of $40.

Women Trainees

The program was later extended to include women trainees. It was a Middlebury woman, Lois Dale '41, who later won fame as being the first woman in the east to solo under the new program. Miss Dale's only contenders for the position were a California aviatrix and a Philadelphia soloist who was proved to have made her flight at a later date than

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Christmas Festival Planned for Frosh

Card games, caroling, and the distribution of Christmas gifts will be the highlights of an informal big-little sister party to be held Tuesday, December 18, from 4 to 5:50 p.m. in Forest Rec under the sponsorship of the Freshman Orientation committee.

Members of the committee are Joanne E. Buckeridge '47, Virginia M. Hodder '47, Margaret MacCormick '47, Lois E. Southgate '47, and Helen L. Hicks '48. Chairmen of the committees for the party are as follows: refreshments, Mary P. Belcher '47; decorations, Mary E. Hamilton '47; and entertainment, Miss Buckeridge.

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Time---The Future

Time magazine publishes in their current issue a letter to the editor which we thought might be of interest to our readers. Something of a literary bombshell, the writer, Mr. Leroy Blodgett of Burlington, Vt., pulls no punches in his statements of true but unpleasant fact.

The letter was prompted by the concern that many good solid Americans are feeling over the G. I.'s regrettable actions abroad in his role of conquering hero and saviour of the masses. The writer continues, "Just what do you critics expect from a generation that has been brought up on comic books, flabby popular music, motion pictures that are hag-ridden by the Hays office and the Legion of so-called Decency, and the unending flood of nauseating pap that drools from our shiny little radios?"

Where is the blame for any American outrage abroad and the accompanying unpopularity to be placed? "Who is responsible. . . .?"

"You are, gentlemen, and you might as well face it. Our young people don't think because they haven't been taught to think. . . . Have you done anything to remedy this?"

"You can't take his comic book or his radio away from him now because he's used to them and he might cry, but you can work for, fight for a decent, liberal educational system, for better pay for teachers so that better teachers will come to nourish the minds of the next generation. You can stop patronizing the stupidest 90 per cent of Hollywood's products until they stop making them and are forced to use talent, intelligence and new ideas. You can demand that your radio station devote more time to adult entertainment . . . . in a nutshell, you can throw your weight around for a more mature, tolerant, beautiful America into which to lead the next dewy-eyed batch of moppets. . . ."

There is more of the same. Mr. Blodgett is not only righteous in his indignation, he is right. As a father of five children, he is greatly disturbed that they must grow up to learn that America is not the stupendous colossal extravaganza of a nation that all the best propaganda says it is. The complacency of 130,000,000 people when viewed as the inhabitants of the United States is amazing. The calm faces which, according to the best set of rules, we are turning to the future, are beginning to look downright stupid. The future has not been made clear and simple by the great American ouija board of self-satisfaction. In fact, by refusing to see and understand the import of the indications that are evident, we are rapidly approaching a maelstrom.

We don't pretend to hold Mr. Blodgett's letter up as a Bible of Reform, but we do believe that the writer's strong feeling on a matter of national concern should have the power to make us think and think hard.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: *Time* does not have the right to grant reprint permission on letters written by readers. The CAMPUS was unable to contact Mr. Blodgett although a thorough search of Burlington was conducted. We wish to acknowledge and thank him for the use of his letter in this column.)

Humanities Discuss Climate, Resources Of U. S. Geography

"A Chronological and Geographical Discussion" of the United States was the topic of the first meeting of Humanities held on Friday, November 30, at 8 p. m., in Warner Science.

Program for the Evening

Marguerite Stern '48 introduced the speakers and their topics: Prof. Bruno M. Schmidt—"Where America Came From," Marjorie Wight '46—"Climate and How It Affects Man," and Mary H. Albertson '46—"Natural Resources—Effects on Imports and Exports." The talks were followed by slides, shown by Professor Schmidt, but there was no time for discussion.

The formation of the United States, including the many climatic and geological changes which have taken place through the ages, was explained by Professor Schmidt. He also showed the reasons for the present shape and composition of America.

Man and Climate

"Man in his industry and occupation are dependent on climate and soil," said Marjorie Wight, in her talk. Each region of the United States has its own peculiar climate and soil, necessarily directing its agricultural products, she explained. If two regions have the same type of climate, and consequently the same product, she continued, the regions are thrown into competition with each other. On the other hand, those with an individual climate may set up an monopoly on some market, as Massachusetts has done with the cranberries. Because of our dependence in the agricultural field, Miss Wight said the two great dangers in our country are: the need of cash crop agriculture and soil erosion.

Position of U. S.

Mary Albertson in her talk on "Natural Resources," warned us that the United States, with its colossal industrial strength, due to our great variety of natural resources, has come to depend too much on her investments for interest and influence abroad. We are dependent on trade for the raw materials for manufacturing, and we must keep up our ability to sponsor our interest abroad, she said. It seems that we are too inclined to be selfish with our resources (for example, the stoppage of aid to Britain after cessation of hostilities) and she explained that when we are anxious to help out another country, it is to get our own interest established and to exploit it to advantage—(previously South America, now possibly China).

"Trade is essential to our manufacturing. In order to have trade we must keep tariffs low and have reciprocal trade agreements," she declared.

SOPHS, JUNIORS ENTERTAIN DEAN WITH 2 COFFEES

Mrs. Millicent Cox Woodward, Dean of Women, was guest of honor at a coffee held by the Sophomore class on Tuesday, November 27, at 6:30 p. m. in Hepburn Rec. Prior to the coffee, class officers and hostesses had dinner with Mrs. Woodward in Hepburn dining room.

The Junior class held a similar coffee for Mrs. Woodward last Tuesday in Forest Rec. The dean had dinner at the Chateau with class officers and hostesses before the coffee.

New Midd Handbook Lists Rules, Activities

The 1945-46 version of the Middlebury Handbook, which recently arrived from the printers, was edited by Ferd Ensinger '45 and Gloria A. Antolini '46. Each year the book is revised and reprinted.

This year the "Freshman Bible," as it is more commonly called, has been reduced in size for utilities sake, but none of the essential features have been omitted. Among these are the well-known traditions of Middlebury, and the college songs and cheers.

The book includes freshman pointers, a list of extra curricular activities, the constitution of the Student Union association of the Women's college, and the regulations of both the Men's and Women's colleges.

Free Speech

The editors are not responsible for opinions expressed in this column unless they are clearly prefaced by "Editors' Note."

To The Editors:

Like the army, Middlebury won Saturday afternoon when they opened the illustrious Panther Room. We have just returned from the scene of action and will wholeheartdly endorse any testimonial they want us to.

Before the Panther Room opened, allowances went further and diets were something you kept. From the looks of things, no one regretted parting with both.

We hope that the Panther Room will become the traditional meeting place for the faculty and students.

Orchids to all those who have given us this four star production.

Merci et muchas gracias,
BUSSIE SOUTHGATE '47
NANCY SURTEES '47

To the Editors:

I do not believe that fraternities are justified on this campus because of the following reasons:

1. **Racial discrimination.**
2. **Minority vote of even one member of a fraternity can block the entrance a new member even though he may have been accepted by the rest of the fraternity.**
3. **Those who need the benefit of the social advantages of a fraternity most tend to be left out.**
4. **A candidate is pledged to a fraternity before he knows the members or if he does know them he may discover later he is not one of their crowd. He must either remain in the fraternity or become a social outcast because he cannot join a different fraternity after leaving another.**

MEMBER OF THE CLASS OF '49.

Dear Editors:

The opening of the Panther Room marks a milestone in Middlebury history.

When the library gets too stuffy or the book too musty, or the head too drowsy, there's just a short walk awaiting to the Panther's table. When hunger stalks within, or I feel the social yen, there's the Panther Room again.

Here's to the Panther Room from the dainty white doily to the cup of hot coffee, and not excluding that chicken "luncheon."

Sincerely,
MARY ALBERTSON '46

To the Editors:

In a letter to the CAMPUS of November 23, it was stated that "sororities are necessary to make Middlebury the college that will prepare us for the future." This statement immediately relegates over 50 percent of the members of the college to the ranks of those who will graduate "unprepared" for the future. The authors of this letter apparently think that the influence of sororities is indispensable in carrying out the prime purpose of college, namely preparing oneself for some useful work in society. Sororities seem to feel themselves of equal importance with the faculty in the matter of our obtaining a liberal education.

Neutrals' Chances

We hope that the sorority women are not entirely despairing of the neutrals' chances for success after college. If a girl has within herself the qualities essential living a meaningful life, they will be recognized by her associates. Why should anyone hide behind the false security of a sorority pin? In the final analysis it will be the acts she performs which are important, not the fact that she was a member of the "chosen few."

Self-confidence Lacking

If a girl feels that a sorority pin is essential for her success and happiness, she has very little confidence in her own ability. Samuel Grafton of the *New York Post* has made an apt statement which ties in with this topic. He says, "Even

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Forefathers' Day To Be Observed By Talks, Supper

The town of Middlebury will hold its 103rd annual Forefathers' Day celebration on Friday, December 21, in the Congregational Church.

For the past 100 years, the citizens of Middlebury have observed Forefathers' Day to honor the landing of the Pilgrims, and all pioneers who contributed to the settling and development of this land. For the anniversary of the event, which is reported to be the only observance of its kind in this country, Rev. Carl Heath Kopf, well-known clergyman of the Mt. Vernon Church in Boston, has consented to be the guest speaker. He follows a line of outstanding men like Ralph Waldo Emerson, William Lyon Phelps, Raymond Fosdick, and S. Parkes Cadman, all of whom have spoken at Forefathers' Day celebrations in the past.

The program will start at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, when Rev. Kopf will deliver the main speech of the day. At the close of his talk, a real old-fashioned New England supper will be served in the church vestry at 6 p. m. Short after dinner speeches by other prominent guests will follow. Included among these will be President Samuel S. Stratton, President Millis of University of Vermont, and Dr. Thomas, ex-president of Norwich university.

Cercle Francais To Present Skits

Christmas carols, enactment of four Bible scenes and a reading by Barbara R. Meyer '46 of the French Christmas Carol will highlight Friday night's French club meeting at the Chateau. The four skits are to be as follows: "The Visitation of the Angel to Mary," "Mary and Joseph Going to the Inn," "The Shepherds in the Fields," and "The Three Wisemen."

Six large boxes of clothing, collected during the recent drive, are being sent to the Cassco International company in New York where they will be sent to France. They will be insured by Lloyds of London.

Calendar

Friday, December 7
8.00 p.m. French Club at le Château.

Saturday, December 8
8.00-11.00 p.m. Mt. Club Dance at College Gym.

Sunday, December 9
Ski hike to Breadloaf.
7.15 p.m. Women's assembly meeting, Munroe.

Thursday, December 13
7.00-10.00 p.m. Campus banquet at Waybury Inn.
8.00-9.30 p.m. El Circulo meeting.

Debating Groups Hold Discussions At Four Colleges

Four debates were participated in this week by the women's debating team. Carol M. Becker '46, manager of the team, and Margaret D. Armstrong '47, upheld the affirmative at a decision debate with M. I. T. on Monday night. The question was, Resolved: "Federally planned and controlled economy is as necessary in peace as in war."

Also on Monday, Gloria A. Antolini '46 and Iris J. Forst '48 debated against Boston University. They took the affirmative side of the topic, Resolved: "The foreign policy of the United States should be directed toward the establishment of free trade among all the nations of the world."

At Tufts college the team debated the question, Resolved: "Co-operation with Russia should be the keystone for the United States foreign policy." Miss Armstrong and Miss Forst took the negative side of the question. The debate was held Tuesday.

Resolved: "All United States patents on atomic energy should remain the property of the federal government" was the subject of a round table at Wellesley college on Tuesday when Middlebury participants were Miss Becker and Miss Antolini, who spoke on the affirmative side.

Women Compete For Top Berths On '46 Ski Team

Emily Cushing '47, manager of the women's ski team, has announced that there were 27 tryouts for positions on the two teams. The first, consisting of ten members, will be chosen between January 1 and the Big Bromley meet on January 12 and 13, and the second team will be made up from those not selected for the first.

Practice started last Monday on Chipman hill. There is a possibility the groups will go to Pico every Thursday with the men's team for further training in addition to trips to Breadloaf.

Plans are being made for the team to compete every week-end. Although the complete schedule has not been arranged as yet some definite dates have been made as follows:

Big Bromley; Manchester, Vt.—Triple Meet, January 12 and 13.
Middlebury Carnival—January 18, 19, and 20.
Gibson Trophy Race; North Conway, N. H.—February 3.
Cannon Mountain; Cannon Mountain, N. H.—March 3.
Eastern Women's Meet; Pico—March 9 and 10.
Sugar Slalom; Mount Mansfield—April 28.

In addition there will be meets at U. V. M.'s Kakewalk, New Hampshire Winter Carnival, and state championship races.

Members of last year's team were Rebecca A. Fraser '46, Miss Cushing, Betsy S. Drake, Virginia M. Hodder, Rose F. Hull, all of '47, and Natelle M. Benson and Margaret A. Curtis of '48.

Midd Dance Group Meets U.V.M. Club

The Modern Dance club held a combined meeting with the dance group from U. V. M. last Saturday in Forest Rec from 3 to 6:30 p. m. This was the first time that either group had ever met with a guest club.

Dance techniques and exercises were first rehearsed together, and then each group composed and presented a Christmas theme. The U. V. M. club interpreted the calmness and serenity of a dusk snow storm through a classical expression of mood and form. The music used was "Snow Flakes" by Claude Thornhill.

Against the background of Christmas carols, the Midlebury dancers presented a Christmas Eve fantasia, depicting the rush of last-minute shoppers, the open-eyed wonder of children carolers, and the momentous arrival of Santa Claus.

Supper was served later to all the dancers. Miss Ethel Hoffman leads the dance group at U. V. M., while Miss Teriz Malootian directs Modern Dance at Middlebury.

Free Speech

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after you give a squirrel a certificate that he is quite as big as any elephant, he is still going to be smaller, and all the squirrels will know it and all the elephants will know it." Doesn't this work the other way too!

ELAINE PANKOPF '48,
NANCY LEACH '48.

To the Editors:

May we suggest that the general atmosphere of chapel services would be greatly improved if the rustling of newspapers and banging of hymn books were reduced to a minimum. It is very annoying to hear seven or eight hundred slams and

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BILLBOARD

By Alan Wolfley

(For the benefit of those who don't remember this column, Billboard was originally begun by "Mike" Halligan '42 and continued by Bill Calkins '44, both Middlebury men who were killed in action. It would seem altogether fitting and proper that the name of the column should remain the same.)

Congrats to Russ Dale, new captain of the basketball team and Tom Cremer, who will head the ski team this year.

The Midd basketball quintet tackles Union this Saturday night—let's wish the boys luck. The game will be broadcast over station WGFM Schenectady, beginning at 8 p. m.

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Watch that women's ski team this year. With such talent as Becky and Polly, the Blue and White will be hard to beat.

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Don Means, ex-AAF captain, is expected to be the scoring threat against Union in the season's opener. Don is fast, tricky, and has a good eye.

Intramurals started last Tuesday night and judging from the turn-out, the fellas go for it in a big way.

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Corky Elwell, besides being an agent for the Rutland Cleaners, can also play a fancy brand of basketball . . . he's got one of the fanciest one-handed push shots on the floor.

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Keep up the good work Joe . . . the fast hickory boys are really coming along fine.

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"Doc" Farrell is over in Porter Hospital. Let's all hope he's back in his familiar chair in the training room soon.

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Davis and Blanchard led Army through another undefeated season. Wish they'd drop some of their 5th stringers up here.

No forecast on the basketball game . . . have to see how the boys shape up in competition first.

See you next week . . .
Wolf

"Old Ladies" Take Lead in Volleyball

Sophs', Juniors' Team 1 Tie for Second Position

"The Old Ladies," undefeated thus far in this season, now hold undisputed lead of the Women's Volleyball tournament. However, the senior team has had to play two excellent games in the last week to maintain this position.

Sophomore Threat

The first threat to the supremacy of the Old Ladies, was the sophomore team No. 5, which until this encounter were in the unbeaten category. Although the game was well played from a technical standpoint, the score 42-26, showed a decisive victory for the seniors. The first half was the most bitterly contested, and ended with a 20-15 lead in favor of the seniors. In the second half, the sophomores seemed to relax their defense and allowed the advantage to rise unchecked.

Senior Victories

When the junior team No. 3 was able to wrest a victory over the same sophomore team No. 5, the seniors were again forced to defend their number one position. If the junior team, with one loss, had been able to beat the seniors, a play-off between the two teams would have been necessary. But the seniors again by a decisive score, 48-29, kept their unbeaten status. Now the junior team No. 3 and the sophomore team No. 5 are tied for second place with two losses each.

Skillful Contestants

The senior-junior game, not at all indicative of the score, was exciting till the last whistle, with each volley extensive and skillful. The spiking especially, was excellently executed, with both sides having its share of experts. Bette Bertschinger for the seniors and Jeannette Cunningham for the juniors, were particularly outstanding in the spike. Both teams play very well as units, filling in and backing up beautifully. Many shots were saved by quick filling in and recovery from the net.

Skiers to Enter Franconia Meet

Six Man Team to Rival Strong Eastern Squads

Coach Joseph C. Jones will take his 1945-1946 edition of the Middlebury Ski Team to Franconia, N. H., over December 15 and 16. This two-day open meet will witness many college teams and individual competitors in action, and its primary purpose will be to afford each college the opportunity to look over and size-up the teams on its schedule for the coming season.

Strong Eastern Teams

Midd will be especially interested in the Dartmouth and West Point combines. Coach Jones believes these are two of the strongest ski teams in the East, and the Franconia meet will allow him, and the members of his team, to get an indication of the exact strength of these two teams, which will be met in actual competition later in the season.

Franconia Meet

Coach Jones has announced that Midd will be represented at Franconia by a six-man team, as follows: Thomas Cremer, captain; Edward C. Welles, a veteran from last year's team; Harry M. Fife, a good skier who showed up well in competition before the war put a temporary end to his skiing; Peter Q. McKee, who is Coach Jones' main hope in cross-country; Richard Bailey, a freshman who has exhibited good promise, and Robin Willits, who before the war, had seen some experience here at Midd.

Due to limited transportation facilities the above six men are all that can be accommodated on the trip to Franconia. However, it is expected that additional transportation will become available soon and this will allow Coach Jones to place more Midd men in ensuing meets.

Basketball Squad to Open Season vs. Union Quintet

Men Organize New Intramural Tourney

Winter Schedule Includes Basketball, Track Events

Last Tuesday evening, the 1945-46 intermural program began when two league games in volleyball were played off. Since the fraternity houses are not open this year and the numerical strength of each class at school is not equal, the athletic director announced earlier that the teams were to be formed according to floor distribution in Gifford Hall. In addition, teams representing the faculty and the off-campus men make a total of seven groups that are taking part in athletic competition.

A rigorous program has been outlined, starting with volleyball, which is now in full swing. An individual handball tournament begins Friday of this week, which will commence after the Christmas vacation. Basketball will be organized as soon as possible, with all eligible to participate except the varsity team. Board track relays, which were always one of the outstanding forms of competitive recreation in pre-war days, will be started also.

Badminton, squash, and softball contests will be held later in the school year.

Points will be awarded to the winning teams and individual competitors so that by the end of the year, it will be possible to declare one team an all-around champion.

The following men were appointed to organize teams:

First floor Gifford—Don Means '48
Second floor Gifford—Chuck Scott '47
Third floor Gifford—Ray Sacher '47
Fourth floor Gifford—Charles Mutti '49
Fifth floor Gifford—James Fluckiger '47
Off Campus—A. W. Calder '47
Faculty—Prof. Benjamin Wissler

Coach Brown has always emphasized the importance of intermurals in the athletic program for all Middlebury students and with the enthusiasm that has recently been shown, it is evident that the Men's College is unanimously behind this schedule.

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ters of his generation in Europe. He is a devoted believer in democracy . . . who has demonstrated his devotion over long years of service to the idea of the commonwealth of man."

First String Lineup Includes Wurm, Dale, Means

The Midd quintet will open its 1945-1946 court campaign against a strong Union college team at Schenectady this Saturday night. Union opened its current season last week with a handsome win over Brooklyn Poly, taking the contest by a 52-29 count.

Union's Strength

As a further indication of Union's strength is the fact that they have been invited to play in Madison Square Garden this winter, which, in itself, is a commendation for the Union squad.

However, Coach Arthur M. Brown has been working his squad hard for the past six weeks in preparation for this initial contest, and this past week saw his squad in good condition and excellent spirit. A win over Union would mean a lot to Midd, both as a morale builder for the coming season and from the point of view that it would bring considerable prestige to the college, inasmuch as Union is engaging in "big-time" competition this winter.

Probable Line-up

Midd's probable starting line-up for the Union fray will include Corwin S. Elwell and Donald Means at the forward slots. Capt. Russell P. Dale at center, and Lewis G. Ensinger and Frank Wurm at guards. However, Walker K. Prescott, Charles Mutti, Jan Lindner, Walter Nelson, and Prescott Carr have been playing impressive ball, and it may be that some of these men will be starting come Saturday night.

Of interest to the Midd campus, is the fact that the game will be broadcast over Station WGFM. The contest is scheduled to begin at 8.15 p.m., but it is suggested that the exact time of the broadcast be checked in Saturday's radio columns.

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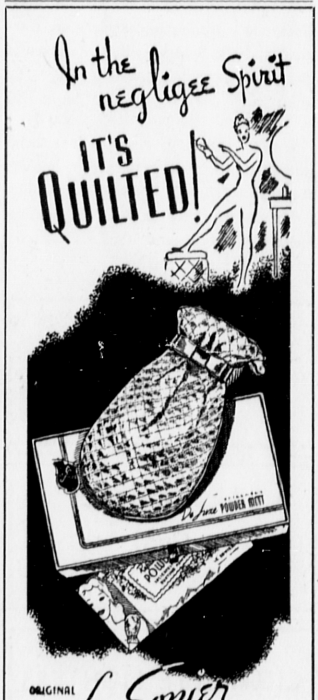

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E. Gordon '47 Reports Experiences At International Affairs Conference

Edith M. Gordon '47

(Edith M. Gordon '47 represented the Women's Forum at the New England Institute of International Relations. It is interesting to view the ideas presented at the institute in view of the events which have happened since that time.)

Last June, Tufts College was the scene of the fourteenth annual session of the New England Institute of International Relations. Students of all ages, creeds, and colors, representing the educational, religious, and business worlds, met to study under competent leaders the problems of peace and world organization. The conference, held under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee, resolved itself into a training school on trends in Europe, Asia, and North and South America as they affect the future.

Schedule for the Week

Classes and discussion groups were spaced throughout the day leaving time for tennis or swimming, browsing in the libe, and the inevitable bull-session over a coke. For a week in an informal, friendly atmosphere, members of the Institute attempted to discover the basic principles which must be the foundations of world peace.

The spirit of the conference was not to impress upon its members certain dogmatic principles, but to present the problems and to work out various solutions together. Some of the different points of view expressed by speakers on the various political, economic, and religious problems may prove interesting.

Russian Policy

Discussing Russian policy, Reuben H. Markham, foreign correspondent for 25 year in the Balkans, deplored Russia's attempts to protect herself in the Balkans and our justification of them when Poland is not allowed the same privilege of security. However, Dr. Vakar, professor of Russian Civilization at Wheaton college explained the Russian attitude as the establishing of another Monroe Doctrine, a policy since defended by Secretary of State Byrnes. Dr. Vakar urged quick United States action so that the Balkan states will not have to turn to the Communists for help.

Reviewing the San Francisco Conference to which he had been a special representative, Thomas H. Mahoney debunked some earlier pessimistic interpretations. He felt that as an attempt to liberalize the Dumbarton Oaks agreements, the passage of two thirds of the amendments proposd was encouraging, especially in view of the differing political philosophies and cultures of the parties to the conference.

Economic Problems

Taking up the economic problems of war and peace, Seymour Harris, professor of Economics at Harvard, defended both the bank and the fund of Bretton Woods. He explained the desperate needs of British economy and the desirability of our discarding of the "technique of exporting employment by high tariff" in favor of world-wide full employment. In the field of economics, the United States must help China according to Dr. Wing-Tsit Chan, professor of Chinese Culture at Dartmouth college. He made plain the necessity of helping the Chinese to industrialize so that they may feed their masses. Otherwise they will turn to the Communists. The same problem is evidenced in South American economy. Deverre Allen, editor of the *World-over Press*, urged United States aid to South America, but insisted that it must not be given in the dollar-diplomacy spirit. Opning up the industries in these countries, according to Mr. Allen, would create a new demand for machines and goods we produce.

Religion in the Peace

In discussing the part of religion in the peace, Monsignor John J. Wright, secretary to Archbishop Richard Cushing,

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The agency for which she worked was so organized that all the workers had opportunities to visit all types of localities in greater Boston including both business and residential areas. Miss Rowley noticed in her work that the most generous contributions came from those who could least afford to give.

Newspaper Work

Rowena C. Brown '48 and Helen T. Clark '48 worked in the news room of the Christian Science *Monitor*. They also did some work in the composing room.

Joan C. Seidenman '47, did some interesting work in connection with the guild for the blind. She typed the outline for a PhD. thesis for Dr. S. C. Roy of India and served as secretary to a blind man who had just gotten his seeing eye dog. Miss Seidenman also assisted in the kindergarten of the Bentley school.

Social Work

For four years June E. Yeakel '49 worked with the Children's Orthopedic hospital in Seattle. Starting as an assistant in the playroom and finally working on the wards. Miss Yeakel came in contact with children under 14, suffering from bone deformities, burns and other accidents.

Three girls did settlement work. Helen I. Bellwood '46, worked in East Boston with a group of 16 boys between nine and ten years of age. The children were taken on trips to nearby points of interest and also were organized for singing and giving a party for their mothers. Miss Bellwood, a sociology major, obtained the position through the greater Boston Community council.

Joanne E. Buckeridge '47 worked for the College Summer Service Group. The majority of the 47 students who came from all over the country to spend the six weeks period in New York City worked in settlement houses. Miss Buckeridge, however, worked with the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union in their research department analyzing labor contracts. The purpose of the group is to acquaint students with the social problems confronting New York in particular and the world in general.

Genetics Department

Alice L. Bull '46 was employed as a field assistant in the genetics department at the Connecticut State Agricultural Ex-

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14 Students Listed In New Flying Club

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Miss Dale. News of this event was published in many leading papers together with pictures of Miss Dale posed among a pile of suitcases while awaiting her train home.

Army Supervision

Twenty additional students were allowed to participate in the CAA program the following year and CAMPUS headlines soon carried such stories as the escape of T. Bennett '41 from a crash at Bristol, of the college buying its own plane for student instruction, of the selection of flight captains for the two competing flight teams on campus, of the enlargement and improvement of the Bristol airport and finally of the direction of all flying instruction falling to the Army Air Corps command.

New Organization

Student direction of flying activities ended thus in March 1942 and no local flying group was reformed until this fall when a few interested students contacted Joseph Rock in Bristol. Three veterans who will be taking lessons are Robert B. Rowley '46, Arnold J. Kivelson '48, and Daniel T. Hedden '49. Other students entered in the program are : Helene L. Jacober '46, H. Janet Kasper '46, Katherine A. Rowley '46, Joseph B. L'Episcopo '48, Ann H. Bushnell '48, Margaret A. Curtis '48, Margaret K. Matulis '48, Janet L. Rice '48, Joan H. Roessle '48, Robert S. Goell '49 and Priscilla R. Noyes '49. Openings are still available for three additional students to enter the program.

Notice

Students who live off campus may pick up their copies of the CAMPUS in the Bookstore each Friday morning. Veterans who are back at college under the G. I. Bill of Rights are reminded that their subscription to the CAMPUS is included in their term bill.

Men's Assembly Pass Constitution With New Rules

A newly revised constitution for the men's student government was given the approval of the Men's Assembly at a meeting held Tuesday night in Gifford Rec.

Representation Ruling

In the absence of Lewis G. Ensinger '46, the meeting was conducted by Charles A. Scott '47, secretary of the assembly, who gave a complete reading of the constitution prior to its approval. Among the more important changes made in the constitution were a ruling that the ratio of representatives to members in the student body shall be changed each semester at the discretion of the undergraduate president and that at no time shall membership exceed thirty-two; that if necessary, the office of undergraduate president shall be placed on a one semster basis and that in the interim between elections, his office shall be filled by the speaker of the assembly. Election of a new undergraduate president is to take place within two weeks after the expiration of the previous semester.

Ratification Clause

Revision was also made of a constitutional clause which stated that this charter would become effective only after the ratification, among other bodies, by the favorable action of a simple majority of the women's student union. This clause was struck out leaving acceptance of the constitution to the discretion of the Men's Assembly, the Student Life Committee and a majority of the undergraduate men.

The general spread of ill health in the men's college was brought under discussion. The consensus of opinion was that the cause of the trouble lay either in the quality or preparation of the food served in Gifford Hall. Mr. Ensinger and Mr. Scott were appointed to investigate the situation.

Winter Carnival

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eligible for queen, but sophomore, junior, and senior men were eligible for king. Everyone will vote in chapel before Carnival and the winner will be kept secret until the coronation at the ball. The seven candiates for king and queen will be announced in next week's CAMPUS.

The poli taken by the Carnival social committee disclosed that 159 men imports are expected for Carnival. The committee is now working on food and housing for the imports and the visiting ski teams.

NOTICE

The Canterbury club will meet Friday night at 7:30 o'clock in the Episcopal Rectory, 5 South Street. All college students have been invited to attend. The Rev. Harry Jones will lead the discussion on the Negro problem.

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Journey to Ripton School Discloses Vital Problem

Esther L. Walsh

The "town" of Ripton appears around the next bend—four or five houses, a store, a deserted church, and the schoolhouse.

A big black stove, decorated with a few ragged mittens drying on the top, provides a certain amount of heat for the long schoolroom. The ventilation problem is solved by cracks in the frame and ill-fitting doors. Twenty-five children of grades one through three are supervised by one teacher. Youngsters of amazingly varying sizes and equally amazing similar looks arrive by bus at 9.00 a.m., and leave at 4.00 p.m.

Class Procedure

The little ones sit seriously at their desks in the front row trying to copy letters from the blackboard, or laboriously rubbing crayons up and down drawing paper. The teacher is conducting the reading period for the third grade. Finally she pauses to quiet the boys in the back row whose talking and foot shuffling has become unbearable. The teacher shakes down the stove, gives a quick glance to the front row and continues the lesson.

At the side of the room in a larger size desk sits what is technically called a low-grade moron. He is fat and his eyes are small, squeezed in a round blank face. He can't talk intelligibly but vainly tries to attract the attention of anyone near him. His sweater is ragged and he hasn't a coat. But, then, not too many of the children have. Instinctively, they know that this boy is "different." About 11 of the 25 pupils are mentally retarded from heredity.

Life for the Children

Living conditions are reduced to the bare elements of existence for these children. Food consists of the same main elements, three meals a day, year in and year out. One family lives almost entirely on bread. Clothing is sparse and dirty. The men work three days a week and make about $18. They have appeared unwilling to work harder or longer. Families are large and spending sense is nil. Existence is enough.

Plain statement of fact is ugly and draws a sordid picture. But in most of these children there is the same element of endearing innocence that appears on the faces of the kids on the block at home. In order that their lives might have a little more color and scope, Forum is establishing a weekly arts and crafts class to be taught by college students. In time, Middlebury may take a larger part in the emancipation of the people of Ripton.

Budapest Quartet

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qualities, sensuousness, and childlike simplicity, so frequently identified with Brahms, in their rendition of his B♭ Major Quartet. The intricate rhythms were disposed of admirably, while the tender but impassioned third movement (allegretto non troppo) held one spellbound.

The last of the trio of quartets was Mozart's B♭ Major, K. 458, "The Hunt." This, the best-performed of the three, was executed with finesse and sensitivity. The joviality and good-humor of the first movement, the ingratiatingly loveliness of the second, the sobriety and impressiveness of the adagio with the quiet dignity of the opening phrases, the captivating Haydnesque quality of the finale—all were performed to the greatest advantage.

The one possible criticism that I could make concerning the Budapest's interpretations, especially of the Mendelssohn, is that the second violin, the viola, and the cello ably support the first violin, instead of playing more frequently on an equal footing. But this may have been due, at least partially, to the hangings beyond the curtain. It is quite reasonable to assume that these had absorbed much of the sound produced by the second violin and cello, and consequently their tones would be a bit deadened.

Institute

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stressed the importance of having religious influence in politics and in all phases of life. "Religion must be a rational, objective, social, scientific force." There must be a reorganization of the social order so that it contains laws for state and for individual based not on pragmatics, but on moral concepts. The need for religious foundations for an enduring peace was also declared by Levi Olan, Rabbi, Temple Emanuel, Worcester, Mass. "Life must have a meaning and a purpose above the material." There must be disarmament, an international court, and something more. Agreeing with Mrs. Paul Robeson on the rights of minorities, he states that we need never try to unite opposing racial and religious factions, but only to see the common essence in all that is human and all that is religious. "The church must be the impractical idealist," he says, "directing the acts of practical men."

Although the individual solutions at which members arrived undoubtedly differed, the spirit pervading the conference was pretty generally felt by all It was the realization that we are partly responsible for the war, that we need strength of character to enforce our plans, and that we must develop a new social responsibility. Rabbi Olan summed up the feeling in these words, "No formula works when people do not will it to work."

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Northfield President To Talk at Vespers

A guest chapel speaker on the Middlebury campus last year, Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield schools, will address students at Sunday Vespers this week.

A graduate of Williams college, Dr. Park trained for the ministry at Union Theological seminary, New York. He has been awarded honorary degrees from Middlebury and Williams colleges.

The son of Dr. J. Edgar Park, President Emeritus of Wheaton college, Norton, Mass., he is one of the youngest men in the country to head an educational institution of the stature of Northfield. Northfield organization is comprised of the Northfield School for Girls, and Mount Hermon School for Boys.

Kaleid Publication Planned for June

With a return to pre-war publication schedules, it was announced this week by Charlotte A. Davis '47 that the 1947 *Kaleidoscope* will be ready for student distribution some time next June.

Activity sheets recently distributed to juniors and seniors are now in the process of being edited and corrected for final delivery to the printer in several weeks. Write-ups of various campus organizations are also being prepared by the editorial tryouts under the direction of Lois E. Brigham '47, assistant editor.

During the past week, pictures were taken of both students and faculty by the Sargent photographer, who plans to return to Middlebury in January to obtain candid shots of the various social and skiing events of Winter Carnival.

Selections of paper and covers for the '47 yearbook have already been made but the actual cover design will not be revealed until publication in June.

Free Speech

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bangs on the last line of each hymn, and since it is impossible to synchronize such a large number of actions, it might be well to eliminate them entirely. The noise of turning newspaper pages and tearing of envelopes could also be considerably reduced and perhaps even quieted completely.

Members of the Women's College

Work Survey

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periment Station Farm. Although there were many different types of experiments going on, Miss Bull was concerned mostly with plant breeding and the science of genetics. Besides doing hand pollinations of corn she helped with harvesting and other farm jobs.

Phyllis E. Howland '47, Floralie J. King '47, Anne L. Macomber '47, and Margaret J. Prentice '49 spent the summer working at the Institute of Living, a neuro-psychiatric institute, at Hartford, Conn.

They were the constant companions of the people there, attending classes with them. They also learned about the various types of treatment administered. Towards the end of their summer they were given night duty.

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